

MB Docket No. 04-233

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Attention FCC:

My name is Desiree' Whippman and I am writing due to the fact that you are considering replacing our AIR-1 radio stations with LPFM stations. When I found out about this, I was really discouraged. I have grown up on Christian music but found AIR-1 four years ago and I would like to tell you the difference it has made in my life and in the lives of many others.

The last four years I have listened to it during my half-hour commute to college. College is a time where many people tend to abandon value systems they have been raised on and explore a little. However, this is the true reason that AIR-1 is so necessary in society today. On occasion I have tuned in to secular radio stations and have been repulsed at the topics discussed for people to focus in on as they begin their days or ride with their children. AIR-1 discusses relevant topics and is very encouraging to those in need. They provided inspirational thoughts, Scripture and hope when life just doesn't make sense. They lift you up with humorous programming when life doesn't seem so funny and bring perspective in an otherwise cloudy world. Many times I have been very discouraged only to find myself doing an about face after listening to them. I have been on my campus and felt very alone only to coincidentally hear someone else playing AIR-1 in their car and knowing there is someone out there who shares my beliefs. Their upbeat music provides a positive contrast to lyrics that only tear down the moral fiber of society.

In my vast area of Southern California, it is the only Christian radio station targeting teens. I got my brother hooked on it and he in turn got many other friends listening. This is very important in our world today as teens often find themselves very lost and alone and with no one to turn to. I truly believe it would hurt a lot of people who are devoted to the station and find such support and encouragement here. It is a safe haven in times of trouble and would hurt the many who coincidentally stumble across it during desperate times. I specifically remember a man who called in and was reached

during a moment he was considering suicide. I know that AIR-1 does get hundreds of thousands of prayer requests and that is something much needed in times when you feel helpless, hopeless and don't know what else to do.

I cannot imagine what I personally would do if you discontinued the station. It truly means the world to me and got me through my years in college. I have donated to them for the last year, as many people do, to give back some of what they have given to me. I have even written them and thanked them for their services. Ironically, their representative called me back, thanking me and even praying with me, showing their ongoing consideration for their listeners as individuals.

I deem it a great privilege and blessing to have AIR-1 around as their station has been around during laughter and tears. I think MORE stations are needed like them that are positive and encouraging. In a world of such trouble of darkness, for the country or the individual, AIR-1 is a haven and soft place to land. I hope you will greatly consider the need for the station and the impact they have had on so many. I would highly suggest that you take a few moments and put yourself in the shoes of the listener by giving it a chance. It might even become a pre-programmed station on your car dial too. ☺ I truly thank God for letting me stumble across them also.

In Christ,

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